UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS GALVESTON DIVISION

DIVISION 80, LLC,

Case No. 3:22-cv-00148

Plaintiff,

District Judge Jeffrey V. Brown

v.

MERRICK GARLAND, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the United States, *et al.*,

Defendants.

DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE OPPOSITION IN EXCESS OF PAGE LIMIT AND TO SET A BRIEFING SCHEDULE

Counsel for Defendants respectfully moves this Court for an order for leave to file a response in opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction in excess of the standard 30-page limit set forth in this Court's rules of practice, not to exceed 65 pages, and to request that this Court set the requested briefing schedule set forth herein. Counsel for Defendants has conferred with counsel for Plaintiff on this motion, and Plaintiff does not oppose this motion.

The request for leave to file a response in opposition in excess of 30 pages is reasonable. Plaintiff requested an identical extension for its Motion for Preliminary Injunction, ECF No. 9, and Defendants did not oppose. The Court granted Plaintiff leave to file a Motion for Preliminary Injunction not exceeding 65 pages on June 6, 2022. ECF No. 10. Defendants only request the same length provided to Plaintiff.

The proposed briefing schedule is also reasonable. Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction seeks injunctive relief related to a rule which has not yet taken effect, and will not

take effect until August 24, 2022. Plaintiff filed its Complaint on May 9, 2022, ECF No. 1, and filed its Motion for Preliminary Injunction 28 days later, on June 6, 2022. Defendants are seeking 25 days, through and including July 1, 2022, to file their response to Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction. This is reasonable given that Defendants will need to address the many issues presented in Plaintiff's voluminous motion, and obtain the required agency and supervisory approval before filing.

Defendants' proposed briefing schedule would proceed as follows:

Pleading New Due Date

Defendants' Response to Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction

July 1, 2022

Plaintiff's Reply in Support of Motion for Preliminary Injunction July 15, 2022

DATED: June 6, 2022 Respectfully submitted,

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